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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, EAID, SO, US

SUBJ: US ECONOMIC AID TO SOMALIA

1. FOLLOWING THOUGHTS ARE OFFERED TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATE US ECONOMIC AID TO GSDR, IF AND WHEN FURTHER US/GSDR CONTACTS JUSTIFY SAME. TO BEGIN WITH, WE NEED NOT BE APOLOGETIC ABOUT LIMITED AMOUNT OF AID. EVEN IN RELATIVELY SMALL QUANTITIES, AID CAN BE EFFECTIVE, BOTH FROM POLITICAL AND DEVELOPMENT STANDPOINTS, IF VIEWED NOT AS END IN ITSELF BUT AS BEGINNING OF MORE PRODUCTIVE U/GSDR RELATIONSHIP. NEXT, EXPERIENCE OF OTHER AID DONORS SUGGESTS THAT, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE TRY TO IIT OUR INVOLVEMENT IN PROJECTS WITH HIGH ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEAD, ESPECIALLY LARGE NUMBER RESIDENT AMERICANS. IN ADDITION TO EATING UP SHARE AID DOLLAR, SUCH OVERHEAD COULD RAISE US POLITIAL PROFILE UNACCEPTABLY AND OFFER GSDR READY-MAKE POLITICAL HOSTAGE. AT THIS STAGE, THEREFORE, WE SHOULD SEEK QUICK IN AND OUT APPLICATIONS OF US ASSISTANCE AND, WHERE CONTINUING PROJECTS ARE DESIRABLE, USE CONTRACTORS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT. DEPENDING ON NATURE OF AID, US EFFORT, HOPEFULLY, COULD BE ADMINISTERED BY MISSION PERSONNEL WITH HELP REGIDFAL USAID OFFICIALS, AS NECESSARY.

2. NOHESE ITEMS, SOME OR ALL OF WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE APPROPRIATE AID PACKAGE, ARE INTENDED AS SUGGESTIVE:

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A. ENCOURAGE US PRIVATE INVESTORS TO TAKE CLOSER LOOK AT SOMALI MINERAL AND AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES; OFFER TO HELP ORGANIZE AN OFFICE WITHIN GSDR TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND JOINT VENTURES.

B. ORGANIZE BUSINESS-ORIENTED US PAVILION AT 1977 MOGADISCIO TRADE FAIR.

C. ENCOURAGE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY TO PROCEED WITH METEOROLOGICAL RESEARCH PROJECT IN SOMALIA.

D. DONATE SEVERAL PORTABLE ELECTRIC GENERATORS TO LIGHT TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN INTERIOR.

E. OFFER NUMBER OF SPECIALIST GRANTS TO SCIENCE TEACHERS, PROMINENT WOMEN, TRADE UNION OFFICIALS, ETC.

F. MAKE ONE-TIME GIFT OF, SAY, DOLS 50,000 WORTH OF TEXT BOOKS TO MINISTRY HIGHER EDUCATION.

G. EQUIP AND STAFF ENGLISH-TEACHING UNIT IN MINISTRY HIGHER EDUCATION. UNIT COULD INCLUDE COMPLETE LANGUAGE LABORATORY OPERATED BY 2-3 CU GRANTEES OR CONTRACTORS.

H. ARRANGE VISIT OF AMERICAN BASKETBACON OR OTHER TEAM (AS AN ICE-BREAKER).

I. PROVIDE TWO CU GRANTEES TO HELP GSDR ORGANIZE EAST AFRICAN GAMES TO BE HELD LATTER PARTH1977 AT MOGADISCIO. AFTER GAMES, ONE OR MORE CU GRANTEES (IN ADDITION BASKETBALL COACH WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE) COULD BE ASSIGNED HERE TO HELP GSDR CARRY OUT ITS NATIONAL ATHLETICS PROGRAM. DONATIONS OF SPORTING EQUIPMENT WOULD ALSO BE EFFECTIVE.

J. PROVIDE 2-3 PUBLIC HEALTH ADVJJWIDEOC  
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K. DONATE PL-480 COMMODITIES, ESPECIALLY ITEMS IN CHRONIC SHORT SUPPLY SUCH AS COOKING OIL, FLOUR AND SUGAR, IF THESE ARE AVAILABLE. TO MAXIMIZE POLITICAL IMPACT OF PL-480 AGREEMENT, PROCEEDS OF SALE OF US COMMODITIES COULD BE TIED IN WITH PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM, PERHAPS CENTERING AROUND MUCH-NEEDED SUB-ECONOMIC HOUSING.

3. GSDR HAS ALREADY GIVEN SOME SMALL SIGNS OF ITS DESIRE IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIH ;:1&.G. APPROVING REQUESTS TRAVEL TO HARGEISA AND MERCA, STOPPING DIRECT ATTACKS ON US IN OFFICIAL MEDIA AND IMPROVING WORKING-LEVEL ACCESS TO GSDR OFFICIALS. IN RDGURN FOR US AID PACKAGE ON ORDER ABOVE, WE CAN REASONABLY KKKH Q R COTO SHOW FATHER PROGRESS IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. PROTECTING OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS AGAINST HARASSMENT, E.G. LISTENING DEVICE IN HOME OF EMBASSY OFFICER, APRIL 18 BREAK-IN AT RESIDENCE.

B. FURTHER EASING RESTRICTIONS ON US MISSION (TRAVEL, ACCESS, ETC.)

C. PROVIDING A SATISFACTORY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MILIEU FOR US INVESTORS.

D. GRANTING UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO ANY US AID OR CONTRACT TECHNICIANS, WHETHER IN MOGADISCIO OR THE INTERIOR.

E. GRANTING PROMPT CONSULAR ACCESS TO ANY AMERICAN IN DETENTION.

F. AUTHORIZING GS DR OFFICIALS TO ACCEPT OCCASIONAL HOME INVITATIONS FROM US AMBASSADOR AND MEMBERS OF MISSION STAFF, E.G. TO MARK FOURTH OF JULY, OFFICIAL VISITS, ETC.

G. ALLOWING USIS TO PLACE US BACKGROUND MATERIALS WITH OCTOBER STAR AND OTHER MEDIA. (DECISION TO PUBLISH, OF COURSE, WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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REST WITH MEDIA.)

H. KCEPTING NORMAL US CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PRESENCE IN SOMALIA.

I. CONSIDERING US INTERESTS AND VIEWS ON THEIR MERITS AND NOT ON IKEOLOGICAL GROUNDS, AS IN UNITED NATIONS FORA.

4. EMBASSY WOULD HOPE TO HAVE VISIT OF USAID OFFICIAL, AT PROPER TIME, TO EXPLORE SUBJECT FURTHER AND PUT TOGETHER MORE DEFINITIVE AID PACKAGE. IN MEANTIME, WE WELCOME COMMENTS ON ABOVE.  
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